High Prices at Super Bazar

2688 SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT
SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state

(a) whether the price of many items sold through the Super Bazar is more than that of the general market price for those items;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to bring the prices of such items at par with the general market;

(d) the number of complaints received by the Super Bazar regarding overcharging during 1996 so far; and

(e) the action taken by the Super Bazar thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir. It has been reported by the Super Bazar that the prices of items sold in Super Bazar are not higher than the general market prices.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) According to the information received from Super Bazar, they have received 11 complaints regarding over-charging during 1996 so far. Out of this, 6 complaints were found to be valid and necessary refund was given. Concerned staff members have also been cautioned in this regard to be more careful in future.

[English]

Directorate of Management and Inspection

2689 SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government are considering to bring Directorate of Management and Inspection from the Ministry of Rural Development to Ministry of Agriculture; and

(b) if so, the time by which final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) A proposal to transfer the Directorate of Marketing and Inspection from the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment to the Ministry of Agriculture is under consideration in that Ministry. It is difficult to specify any time limit by which the final decision will be taken by the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment.

Talks with National Socialist Council of Nagaland

2690 SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are holding talks with the National Socialist Council of Nagaland;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to hold similar talks with such other outfits in Nagaland;

(d) if so, the response from these outfits; and

(e) whether any firm date has been fixed for the purpose with any of the outfits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (e) It will not be in public interest to disclose any details at this stage.

Coastal Zone Management Plan

2691 SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA
PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 598 dated November 26, 1996 and state

(a) the names of these States from which complaints or suggestions as regards the Zone Management Plan have been received; and

(b) the details of the main complaints/suggestions by each of the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) and (b). Communications have been received from Kerala, Goa, West Bengal, Andaman and Nicobar, Lakshadweep State Governments/Union Territory authorities requesting for concessions in the provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification and implementation of Coastal Zone Management Plans.

The important concessions requested for include decrease in Coastal Regulation Zone and exclusion of banks of rivers and backwaters from purview of CRZ Notification by Kerala; non-inclusion of CRZ areas around rivers by Goa; changes in the scope of tidal action by West Bengal; permission for mining of sands and withdrawal of ground water in CRZ areas by Andaman and Nicobar Islands and mining of shingles and sand by Lakshadweep Administration.

Area Under Foodgrains/horticulture

2692 SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land covered under foodgrains and horticulture cultivation, separately in Orissa;

(b) the total number of farmers engaged in the production of foodgrains and Horticultural crops, separately;

(c) the incentives provided to the State Government especially to the farmers of tribal areas in this regard; and

(d) the financial assistance provided to Orissa for the purpose during 1995-96 and proposed to be provided during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) As per land use statistics 1993-94 (latest available), the total area under cultivation of foodgrains and horticulture (Fruits, Vegetable and Condiments and Spices) crops in Orissa was 72.07 and 12.69 lakh hectares respectively.

(b) As per Agricultural Census, 1990-91 the estimated number of operational holdings under foodgrains and horticulture crops in Orissa are 29.73 and 1.92 lakhs respectively.

(c) To increase the production of foodgrains crops, the Government is implementing various Centrally Sponsored Schemes in various States including Orissa. Under these schemes, the incentives are provided to the farmers including SC/ST on key inputs like production and distribution of seeds, seed minikits, improved farm implements, sprinkler/sets etc. which also cover, the tribal areas of the State. The major thrust in horticulture sector is for providing better planting/seed material, rejuvenation/rehabilitation of existing plantations, installation of drip irrigation system, use of green house cultivation, infrastruture for post-harvest handling and marketing, and development of market intelligence.

(d) The Scheme-wise release of funds for 1995-96 and allocation during 1996-97 for the development of Foodgrains and Horticulure Crops in Orissa is given in attached *Statement*.

STATEMENT

Scheme-wise release of funds for 1995-96 and allocation during 1996-97 for development of foodgrain and horticulture crops in Orissa

(Rs in lakh)

Scheme	1995-96 (Release)	1996-97 (Allocation)
1	2	3
A. Foodgrain Crops		
1 Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Rice)	478.43	525.92
2 Accelerated Maize Development Programme	16.55	35.44
3 National Pulses Development Project (NPDP)	131.66	160.00
B. Horticulture Crops		
1 Development of Commercial Floriculture	-	4.00
2 Development of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants	0.75	0.75
3 Development of Mushroom	-	20.00
4 Development of Tropical Arid and Temperate Fruits	191.80	83.83
6 Development of Root and Tuber Crops	1.70	1.70
7 Development of Spices	124.40	48.41
8 Development of Vegetables	8.58	6.25
9 Use of Plastics in Agriculture	-	45.13
10 Development of Betelvine	1.24	1.43

Sugar Export Quota

2693 DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the sugar industry is sore over the delay in release of the additional export quota of 10 lakh tonnes of sugar;

(b) if so, whether there is a frequent delay in the release of export quota of sugar;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether after decanalisation of the sugar export, the prices in the global market has declined by $ 50 per tonne and the Indian Sugar Industry has incurred a huge loss on the export;

(e) if so, the details in this regard indicating estimated loss during 1995-96 and 1996-97 so far;

(f) the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (f). The export quota is being released keeping in view the request of export agencies. Against additional export authorisation, release on the request of Indian Sugar and General Industries Export Import Corporation (ISGIEIC) and State Trading Corporation (STC) have already been issued. Further release will also follow on request pending decanalising of export. Export prices depend upon a host of factors including international sugar prices which are quite sensitive to the market sentiments.

Spending from Consumer Welfare Fund

2694 SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA :
SHRI HARADHAN ROY :
SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS :
SHRI BALAI CHANDRA RAY :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the fund from the Consumer Welfare